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THE following singularly beautiful poem, written by Mrs. L. Virginia French, of McMinnville, Tenn., was read to a delighted audience by Bishop Quintard, at the October dedication of Rugby.

WAKING THE WILDERNESS.

Long years and years, the wilderness, in regal beauty slept,
As did the enchanted Princess whom the bans of Faerie kept
In slumber for a century, until a princely knight
Should come to break that bondage with his glance of love
and light.

October decks, to-day, the sleeping solitude—a Queen
In robes of crimson, emerald, and opalescent sheen;
Enveils her with the mists that float from amethystine pyres,
And crowns her with a coronal of ruddy, sunlit fires:
For why! The princely knight has come, so loyal and so true,
With love light from the Old World as a blessing to the New.

This wild and lovely mountain land, as fair as Eden isles—
We see her sleeping eyelids lift; we see her as she smiles
In gladsome solitude; she wakes—at first in mute surprise,
With hands uplifted, like a child's, above her dazzled eyes;
She sees her prince's sunflushed brow; she sees such glorious
things
In his triumphal train, that woke her wildest wonderings,
Smiles sink in sweetest laughter, as she swiftly comprehends,
In meeting thus his eyes, that here her ban of bondage ends.
And now we have a bridal day—a wedding, brave and true,
The glory of the Old World to the glory of the New.

He, bearing in his breast the love of lion-hearted sires;
She, holding riches drossing in her undevelop'd fires;
He, bringing intellectual lore for many a storied shine;
She, yielding her hoarded wealth from many a darksome
mine;
His buoyant courage, fighting forth in labor of his hands,
While she unveils the treasure of broad and lovely lands:
Here, Albion's brave, sun-bleached sons, and Erin's hearts
of fire,
From castle, court, and cottage home, and ivy-mantled spire:
We hail you all, as brothers born, we bless the union true
Of this royal pair of lovers—the Old World and the New.

Progress of Rugby for the Past Two Months.

Before giving a brief notice of this, we cannot better than make two extracts from a pamphlet published by our founders, the Board of Aid to Land Ownership (Limited), at the beginning of last November.* These will show WHAT HAD THEN BEEN DONE.

"BY THE BOARD OF AID.—They have made the road between the Station and Rugby, before mentioned, well graded, and with a good bridge over White Oak stream. This will be carried on beyond Rugby as required, and as it will be the only really good and practicable road for a large tract of country west of Rugby, it is probable that it will ere long be converted into a railroad. A building will be very soon completed by the Board, one part of which is to serve, during the early days of the settlement, as a place of worship for the different Christian churches represented, and the other as a school. Much larger spaces have been allotted for recreation than is usual in the laying out of town sites, and the care of these, and the walks along the gorges of White Oak and Clear Fork, will be handed over, under certain conditions, to the care of the municipality as soon as it is organized. Thirty feet on either side of the road to the Station is also reserved with the same object, and the same space will be reserved on the main road beyond Rugby. The board have handed over the commissary store (of groceries, hardware, and dry-goods), hitherto run by them, to such of the settlers and neighbors as like to become subscribing members, without any charge for good will, and leaving their capital in the concern till it shall have accumulated enough of its own, only requiring to be satisfied with the Trustees appointed by the mem-

*This pamphlet gives, in a condensed form, reliable information as to the founding of the colony, and the capabilities of the country, and will be mailed to any address on application to the Secretary of the Board of Aid, Rugby, Tenn.

bers. They have been satisfied on this point, and the newly organized "Rugby Commissary" has been doing business since the 23d of last month. Its plan is to balance at the end of every quarter, and, after allowing interest on capital at the rate of six per cent. per annum, to divide the net profits among the members (the Board, through their representative, being the principal of these) *pro rata*, according to the amount of the purchases during the quarter.

"The Board have thus made it free to all settlers, who see the advantage of it, to deal direct with the manufacturing and wholesale houses, with only the slight addition to first cost entailed by an economical management, under control of the members themselves. The liberal offer of the Board was the more readily accepted by the settlers and their neighbors, as its acceptance did not cause any injury to private interests, this being the chief objection which naturally stands in the way of carrying out a similar plan in old communities.

"A garden and orchard have been laid out, under an experienced manager, with a view of ascertaining, for the benefit of settlers, what vegetables and fruit trees can be cultivated to best advantage, and a vineyard is to be planted with various sorts of vines, in the coming season, with a like object.

"The garden manager (an Englishman, settled in this part of the country for many years as a successful farmer) has a thorough knowledge of forestry, and settlers new to the country are strongly recommended to take his advice, which he gives without charge as the Board's representative, as to clearing, stocking, and cropping their land. By doing this, and acting on the advice given, they will avoid many mistakes which they would otherwise be almost sure to make, however well they might understand farming, gardening, or stock-raising, under other circumstances."

Since the pamphlet, from which we have made this extract, was written, the officers of the Board here have had to contend with many unforeseen difficulties. Their saw-mill, which, under any circumstances, would have been barely equal to turning out the lumber required by the new arrivals, has been brought at times to a standstill, owing to the impossibility of supplying it with sufficient logs during weather more severe than has been experienced here for the last ten years. The same cause has made the prompt conveyance of household goods and supplies for the daily increasing numbers of settlers a matter of great difficulty, and as a matter of fact the Robbins Station, from which hitherto all the hauling has had to be done, has been for the last ten days glutted with freight for Rugby. Help however is at hand in the shape of (1) the side-track for freight which the trustees of the Cincinnati Southern Railway, recognizing its urgent necessity, have decided on laying down at once at our Sedgemoor Station, thereby reducing our nine miles over an ungraded to seven miles over a well graded road, and (2) a portable saw-mill already on the way hither, and another to follow. And so we may predict with some confidence that the worst of "the winter of our discontent" will soon be worried through. Were it otherwise the officers of the Board on this side would be likely to find themselves in considerable trouble by the middle of next month, for they have just received advice from headquarters that the negotiations which have been for some time in progress with "the American line of steamers which runs from Liverpool to Philadelphia," and with the Pennsylvania Central Railroad, have been successfully concluded, and that these companies "have agreed to take settlers from London to Rugby [probably Sedgemoor is meant] at £15 15s. to £21 first class, £12 10s. second class, and £8 10s. third class; and if this does not bring a rush of new comers from the other side of the

water in the Spring we cannot trust past indications.

Our next extract shows *what had been done* at the end of October:

"2. BY THE SETTLERS. Since the 23d of September, ult., they have (though at present few in number) reorganized, in conjunction with the officers of the Board, the before referred to 'Rugby Commissary'; founded the church of Rugby under the name of Christ Church, and come to such an understanding among themselves as will render easy the fixing of the different times at which the services of the various denominations of Christians here represented shall be held in the building now in course of erection; and formed the 'Rugby Library and Reading-room' Society, which has already had presented to it by the publishers of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia, some twelve hundred volumes; and which intends, as funds allow of it, to build a substantial sandstone library near the hotel and overlooking the slope, towards Clear Fork, of the English garden, the plan for which, capable of being extended as occasion may require, has been already supplied."

With regard to what has been done by our settlers (whether from the Old, or different sections of the New, country), we may say emphatically that they have proved themselves to belong to the good old stock which has taken in hand the best part of this little planet. They have gone quietly about their business, amidst the rattle of criticism, some friendly, other the reverse, which the unusual notice attracted to their enterprise has excited, and we most heartily congratulate them on the energy, perseverance, and good humor, with which they have faced the difficulties already indicated, and others peculiar to a new settlement, and on the liberal intelligence, without which they might have had to wait many months for this, the "Organ of" their "Public Opinion"!

The Commissary has been doing a daily increasing business, and its balance sheet for the first three months' working, which is now in preparation, is expected to show a good return of profit to its purchasing shareholders. It was hardly, however, to be expected that the principle of co-operation would be accepted as a panacea for all the ills of trade among a people, many of whom believe in competition as the whole duty of man; and accordingly we have already in Rugby a store of that persuasion also, and any of us can "pay our money and take our choice."

The announcement that the publishers of Boston, New York, and Philadelphia had presented the "Rugby Library and Reading Room" Society with twelve hundred volumes, was followed in a few days by the almost bewildering news that the twelve hundred had grown to five thousand (oh, for the leisure which so few of us will have for many a day to come!), on the condition that the building which was to be their home should be free to all, and be called "The Hughes Public Library," a condition which, it is needless to say, had only to be made to meet with cordial acceptance. Immediately a subscription to a building fund was set on foot, headed by \$500 from one of Rugby's best friends, and it is confidently anticipated that the required amount will be ready for the building as soon as the weather.

One settler has managed, in spite of the lumber difficulty, to build two houses, one for himself and family, the other let to an eager tenant before it was well begun. Another has discovered and bought one, and leased another, clay tract, (the latter with coal immediately underlying,) and leased a sand stone quarry, and will be ready early in spring to supply us with all we can require in the way of durable building materials. A third has introduced a first